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NOVEMBER 26, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER  
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM  
SUBJECT: EVENING NOTES

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PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT'S BELIEF THAT U.S. INTELLIGENCE IS MASTER-  
MINDING PLOT AGAINST IT: [REDACTED][REDACTED] THE GOVERNMENT  
IS CONVINCED THAT U.S. INTELLIGENCE IS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN  
ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL EFFORTS TO WEAKEN THE MILITARY REGIME  
OF PRESIDENT VELASCO. THE BELIEF THAT THE U.S. IS BASICALLY  
HOSTILE TO VELASCO'S GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN AN UNDERLYING FACTOR  
IN PERU'S FOREIGN POCY SINCE THE MILITARY TOOK POWER IN 1968.  
THIS CONCERN HAS INCREASED SINCE EVIDENCE OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT  
IN CHILEAN AFFAIRS BECAME PUBLIC LAST SUMMER. IN ADDITION, THE  
GOVERNMENT FACES WIDESPREAD AND CIVILIAN OPPOSITION ALONG WITH  
UNREST WITHIN THE MILITARY. CONCERN OVER SECURITY FOR THE  
MEETING OF EIGHT LATIN AMERICAN PRESIDENTS NEXT MONTH HAS ALSO  
MADE THE GOVERNMENT SENSITIVE TO DOMESTIC UNREST. [REDACTED]  
PROBABLY REFLECTS ACCURATELY THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN

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ABOUT FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT IN ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS PARTICULARLY AS IT COULD RELATE TO A POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH PERU. THE REPORT, HOWEVER, SEEMS TO EXAGGERATE THE EXTENT TO WHICH PERUVIAN LEADERS BELIEVE U.S. INTELLIGENCE IS INVOLVED. MOREOVER, THE ASSUMPTION OF U.S. INTERFERENCE IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL FACTORS INFLUENCING VELASCO'S REACTIONS TO PROBLEMS FACING HIS REGIME.

**TANAKA RESIGNATION:** JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER KAKUEI TANAKA TODAY ANNOUNCED HIS DECISION TO RESIGN AND HANDED OVER A STATEMENT ANNOUNCING HIS DECISION TO THE FOUR TOP MEMBERS OF JAPANS RULING LIBERAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTY AT A 10-MINUTE MEETING AT THE PRIME MINISTERS OFFICIAL RESIDENCE. MR. TANAKA'S RESIGNATION, ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE CABINET, WILL TAKE EFFECT WHEN A NEW PREMIER IS CHOSEN. THE RESIGNATION ANNOUNCEMENT HAS THROWN OPEN THE RACE FOR THE PARTY LEADERSHIP, WITH FINANCE MINISTER OHIRA AND FORMER FINANCE MINISTER FUKUDA REGARDED AS THE LEADING CONTENDERS. THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE LDP HAS CALLED A MEETING OF LEADERS OF THE DIFFERENT FACTIONS WITHIN THE PARTY. POLITICAL SOURCES SAID PARTY LEADERS SAID PARTY LEADERS WILL FIRST TRY TO SOLVE THE LEADERSHIP QUESTION THROUGH NEGOTIATION AND CONSENSUS, BUT A PARTY ELECTION WILL BE HELD IF THIS FAILS. THE QUESTION IS EXPECTED TO BE SETTLED AROUND DECEMBER 10 AND PARTY LEADERS HAVE EXPRESSED THE INTENTION OF CALLING A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE DIET THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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